

Crystal Cave rocks!



See fabulous cave formations! NPS Photo

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1-1/2 hours before the tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see page 12 map). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on the road to the cave.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket; the 1/2-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep and it's 50°F (10°C) inside.

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group reservations! Tours by the SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

45-minute Cave Tours daily starting May 10th Don't miss this opportunity!

From 5/10 through 6/13: Weekdays 11am, noon, 2 pm, & 3 pm.

Saturday & Sunday 11 am-4 pm on the hour.

Memorial Day weekend (5/26-28): every 1/2 hour, 10:30 am -5pm.

Extra tours may be added.

From 6/14 through 9/1: Weekdays 10:30 am -4:30 pm every 1/2 hour.

Saturdays & July 4th weekend (7/4-6) every 1/2 hour 10 am - 5 pm.

Sundays 10:30 am - 5 pm.

Fees: Age 6-12 \$6.00; age 13-61 \$11.00; age 62 & up \$10.00; under 6 & Golden Access Pass holders free. National Park, Interagency, & Golden Age passes do not apply. SNHA members get a discount!

1-1/2 hour Discovery Tours start June 23rd

Weekdays only 6/23 through 8/29 (no tours 7/3-4), starting at 4:15 pm.

Enjoy a more in-depth tour of this fabulous cave! Limited to 16 people aged 13 & up. Fee: \$18.95 each (SNHA members \$16.95).

Go wild - ask about Wild Cave Tours!

Free Activities

NATIONAL PARK WEEK 2008 APRIL 19-27:

FREE PARK ENTRANCE & NATIONAL JR. RANGER FAMILY DAY on Saturday, April 26 - no fee! See pages 8 and 9 for more special activities during the week.

WALKS & TALKS Free ranger-led talks and walks may be offered at Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Grant Grove, the Foothills, and, starting May 24, Cedar Grove. See pages 8-9 and check bulletin boards and visitor centers to see what is scheduled.

VISITOR CENTERS & PARK STORES Each one offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each visitor center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. Remember: All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8 and 9 for details.

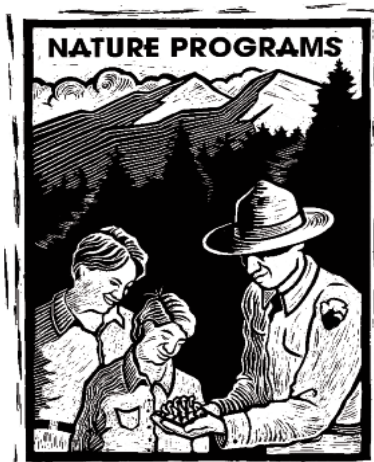
JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

People of all ages earn a badge while helping to protect resources. Those 5 to 8 years old earn the Jay Award. If you are 9 to 12 years old, work for a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up a free Jr. Ranger booklet in any visitor center. Follow the instructions and have fun!

TEACHERS:

BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS - Fun, curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th-grades in spring and fall. Topics include geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date, call 1-559-565-4303.

RANGER IN THE CLASSROOM - Bring these world-famous parks to your elementary students! Call 1-559-565-3733 to learn about this program.



WHERE CAN I...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 to learn more). Use a map to know where you are!

• **WALK A PET?** *In the Parks:* Not on any trails but it's o.k. up to 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, roads). *In National Forest:* Pets can go on trails. *In both areas:* Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.

• **GO CAMPING?** *In the Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• **COLLECT THINGS?** *Not in Parks:* Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. *In National Forest:* Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. *In both areas:* Archeological sites & artifacts are protected by law.

• **HUNT?** *Not in the Parks.* Firearms must be unloaded, inoperable & stored in a way that prevents ready use prior to entering parks. *In National Forest:* Only during the season with a license. Call 1-559-243-4005.

• **GO CAMPING?** *In the Parks:* Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. *In National Forest:* In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• **CUT WOOD?** *Not in the Parks.* *In National Forest:* Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit & guidelines: 559-338-2251.

• **DRIVE OFF-ROAD?** *Not in either area.* Stay on roads.

• **GO PICNICKING?** See picnic symbols on map (back page). Never leave food unattended! Check bulletin boards for fire restrictions. Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Foothills & Sandy Cove. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Lodgepole, & Crescent Meadow.

• **HAVE A FIRE?** *In the Parks:* Only in fire grills in campgrounds & some picnic areas. *In National Forest:* Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.

• **GO FISHING?** *In both areas:* Permitted during the season. California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up; ask for copies of additional park regulations.

• **RIDE A BICYCLE?** *In the Parks:* Keep bikes on roads only, not on any trail (other than the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove). *In National Forest:* Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. *In both areas:* Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

• RIDE HORSEBACK

Call regarding hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips. Opening dates are weather-dependent.

• **Cedar Grove - May 30**
1-559-565-3464 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season

• **Grant Grove - June 10**
1-559-335-9292 summer
1-559-594-9307 off season

• **Horse Corral - May 23**
at Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest
1-559-565-3404 summer
1-559-564-6429 off season
1-559-679-3573 cell